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PRE-COMINFORM RESOLUTION SHIPMENTS AND LOANS

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In 1938, Albanian harbor traffic reached an all-time prewar high of 240,000 tons, while in 1947 it rose to 264,000 tons, and in the first half of 1948 to 190,000 tons.

In 1947, the building of permanent wharves at Shkoder, Muriqan on the Buene River, Shengjin, Durres, Valona, Krionero, Pasha-Liman, Himare, Lemniona Bay, and Sarande began. .

Before the Cominform Resolution, 100 meters of wharf for ships were built in Durres and 200 meters of operational wharf were 60 percent completed. In addition, 100 meters of wooden wharf for ships and 200 meters of temporary wooden wharf for small ships and motor sailboats were built in the same port. In Valona a breakwater 310 meters long and 10 meters wide was built before the Cominform Resolution.

Most of the building material for these ports was supplied by Yugoslavia.

The "Brodospas" Enterprise salvaged several Albanian ships in 1947.

According to a transportation agreement with Albania, Yugoslavia established a regular Rijeka-Durres-Vlone passenger-cargo line with the ships Kostrena and Peljesac, operating 7 days a week, a regular Dubrovnik-Durres passenger line with the Yugoslav ship Sipan, also operating 7 days a week, and the Lake Skadar line. These lines were in operation until the Cominform Resolution: they transported 4,000 tons of goods to Albania and 2,000 tons to Yugoslavia.

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Because Albania had only an insignificant merchant marine consisting of 37 sail and motor boats with a total capacity of 2,000 tons, the Jadranska Slobcina Plovidba (Adriatic Free Navigation) in 1947 loaned the following motor sailboats to the Albanian Administration of the Merchant Marine: the Marna (for a period of 2 months), the Barba Toma (for 5 months), and the Visevica (for 7 months); two barges were also loaned.

In 1948, Albania borrowed the Pcela, the Visevica, the Sveti Juraj, and the Vladimir Gortan, as well as one barge, from Yugoslavia. The total capacity of these ships, excluding the barge, is 1,150 tons, which is almost equal to the tonnage of the entire Albanian merchant marine. The above ships carried $9,1^{l_1}3$ tons of freight, which amounted to 50 percent of the total freight, along the Albanian coast between Shengjin and Sarande before the Cominform Resolution went into effect.

Moreover, the borrowed ships were inefficiently exploited, as can be seen from these figures: the Poela only 39 percent of its capacit; the Visevica, only 35 percent; and the Sveti Juraj and the Vladimir Cortan, only 52 percent.

During 1947, eight ships of the Jadranska Slobodna Plovidba carried 25,139 tons of various goods to Albania, 16 ships of the Jugoslovenska Linijska Plovidba (Yugoslav Navigation Line) carried 35,000 tons of freight to Albania, and one ship of the Jugoslovenska Slobodna Plovidba carried 1,600 tons of freight to Albania. All in all, Yugoslavia shipped 65,000 tons of freight to Albania in 1947. The freight included cement, wheat, corn, artificial fertilizer, iron, and industrial material. In the first half of 1948, the ships of the Jadranska Slobodna Plovidba carried 23,870 tons and the ships of the Jugo lovenska Linijska Plovidba 867 tons of freight to Albania.

All the equipment for the Durres-Pezin railroad line, totaling 1,600 tons, was brought to Albania in 1947 on the Kragujevac, which has a capacity of 8,200 tons.

Yugoslav ships transported 3,123 tons of reparations material and factory installations from Germany to Albania.

LAUNCHING OF SKOPJE AND ZAGREB

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The Skopje, which was launched recently, has a capacity of 4,000 tons and is 101.84 meters long and 14 meters wide. For loading and unloading it has ten electric cranes with a capacity of 3, 5, and 15 tons. It has six cabins with two beds each. The ship has a radio station for medium and short waves, and is equipped with Diesel engines for its driving power and lighting. It can reach a speed of 16.7 knots.

The Zagreb, the new sister ship of the Skopje, is very similar to the Skopje, but varies slightly in a few respects. It is 101.8 meters long, 14 meters wide, and 8.3 meters high up to the main deck. Its displacement is 6,100 tons, gross register tonnage 3,100 tons, capacity 3,904 tons, power of the engines 2,275 horsepower, and speed 14 kncts. It can carry 12 passengers. The Zagreb was also launched recently.

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